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SUBJECT/ EXPLOSION AT KENNEDY CULTURAL CENTER

1. AT 3:10 P.M (LOCAL TIME) MAY 28 AN EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE AT THE MISSION'S KENNEDY CULTURAL CENTER. THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN THE LIBRARY ON THE GROUND FLOOR. NO MEMBER OF THE STAFF APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN INJURED, ALTHOUGH ONE LOCAL CLERK WHO WAS HIT ON THE HEAD BY FALLING OBJECT IS UNDER OBSERVATION AT AUB AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE. TWO WOMEN AND A MAN (PRESUMABLY LEBANESE) WERE CUT BY FLYING GLASS, BUT ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY REPORTS ARE NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED.

2. LIBRARY IS LITTERED WITH DEBRIS BUT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO SERIOUS STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. WE WILL BE ABLE SUPPLY AN ESTIMATE AS SOON AS THE SECURITY FORCES HAVE COMBED THE BUILDING AND CAN DETERMINE WHAT SORT OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS USED.

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3. AT 12 O'CLOCK MAY 28 AN EXPLOSION OCCURED IN THE

GARDEN OF AUB PRESIDENT KIRKWOOD'S RESIDENCE.
ACCORDING TO THE LEBANESE ARMY, THE EXPLOSION WAS
CAUSED BY A SMALL CHARGE OF DYNAMITE WITH TWO
BATTERIEES AND A TIMER ATTACHED. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE.

4. AS OF THE MOMENT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS
TO WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR EITHER EXPLOSION BUT
WILL BE REPORTING FURTHER WHEN WE HAVE MORE INFO.
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